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TREASURY FOR US SECRET SERVICE

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON COUNTERFEIT MONEY

REF: 7 FAM: 253 AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE PAMPHLET "KNOW YOUR MONEY"

1. PHILIPPINE SEAMAN, WHO STATES HE AND CREW MEMBERS ABOARD LIBERIAN -REGISTERED VESSEL "SEA-SWALLOW" WERE PAID BY CAPTAIN WITH DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM MUSCAT SHIPPING AGENT, PRESENTED SIX SAMPLE BILLS FROM TEN TO HUNDRED DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS HE BELIEVED MIGHT BE COUNTERFEIT TO EMBASSY OFFICERS JANUARY 28.

2. WHILE NOT HAVING EXPERTISE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PAPER OF NOTES GENUINE, EMBOFFS NOTED NONE OF BILLS SERIES 1950, 1950A, 1950B, 1950D, AND 1950E HAS MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST," INCLUDING BILLS WITH SIGNATURES OF SECRETARIES OF TREASURY WHO TOOK OFFICE AFTER 1955,DATE SLOGAN FIRST IMPRINTED.

3. SEAMAN PRESENTLY RELUCTANT TO GIVE OTHER BILLS TO EMBASSY, WHICH WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS BY SECRET SERVICE. IN ANY CASE CLEAR COPIES OF NOTES WILL BE FORWARDED. SEAMEN FEAR CONFISCATION OF MONEY AND ARREST IF
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THEY PRESENT BILLS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF LACK OF MOTTO IN ITSELF
INDICATIVE OF COUNTERFEIT AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS
YOU MIGHT HAVE.
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